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THE MESSAGE

THURSDAY, NOV. 16, 1899.

Pose yourself concerning the new road law.

Eli Perkins lecture in Mexico failed—financially. He didn't draw the crowd.

W. A. Daynes, a Chicago broker, has gone into bankruptcy, confessing to nearly \$300,000 liabilities. Been gambling too heavy.

Didn't they shoot 'em in Kentucky on election day? They go further than taking matters out in cussin' over in Kentucky.

The friends of Hon. C. F. Clark continue to urge his candidacy for the State Senate. It must be granted that Mr. Clark has the prestige and standing that would make him a very formidable candidate.

The Calumet Banner, published at Clarksville, has one of the best prepared editorial pages of any paper that comes to our desk. Editor Eads is a hatter too.

The Louisiana Press published the names of 77 Democratic newspapers, which have expressed themselves as favoring the proposition for a State primary. And these papers know the feeling of their constituents on this question too.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat printed this item the other day: Dr. J. C. Parrish, of Vandalia, Mo., was among the visitors at Republican State headquarters yesterday. Dr. Parrish is one of the leading Republicans of his section of the State, as well as a horseman of note.

A prominent business man of Mexico came into our office last Saturday and said, "I congratulate you upon the general worth and typographical appearance of the initial number of the MESSAGE. Put me down for a year." That's the kind of talk that tends to make us feel good.

The Paris Appeal says that every paper that is opposing a State primary received two dollars. "From a certain well-known candidate for Governor," not for the purpose of opposing a primary, but for subscriptions to their "valuable papers." Well, now, we pity the editor who is selling himself for a mess of pottage as small as that.

By the Great Horn Spoon, exclaims the Lexington Intelligencer, we smell a mouse! We believe the paper trust is putting up the price of paper and is giving rebates to the republican papers for their support. We cannot conceive of any other reason why republican papers would submit to the apparent robbery and whop 'em up for the robbers.

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After the Buried Sock of Money.

COLUMBIA, Mo., Nov. 10. —Wat Hord, James Turner and Gran Allison were indicted by the grand jury here to-day for attempted grand larceny at the home of T. J. Yeager, a farmer living near Harrisburg, Boone county. Yeager had a sock filled with money which he had buried under the floor of his house. When detected the three men had torn up half the floor and were within two feet of the treasure.

Gov. Crittenden's Horse.

When Thomas T. Crittenden was governor of Missouri he had a colored hostler who was much in awe of his employer. The man was apologetic over trifles, but when the governor's favorite horse died one night the case seemed to be beyond the man's power of palliation. He wandered about the stable yard for a long time, lost in thought. Then going into Crittenden's presence he said: "Gub'nor, that yere black horse, Plato, ain't a-goin' to live berry long."

"What makes you say that, Ben?" asked the governor, in surprise. "Case he am dead."

Rev. L. F. Linn has suspended his "Advertiser" in Santa Fe. His family has moved to Mexico and he has an appointment to preach at Delance, Mo.

David Freeman, aged 80, a Macon county, Mo., pioneer, died last Saturday. He built his own coffin several years ago, which was stored away and was used for his burial.

Protracted services began at Concord church Tuesday night. Services are announced for every night this week. Rev. Hall, a young preacher of unusual ability, is conducting the meetings.

Alexander Jester was granted a change of venue to Ralls county by Judge Eby at Paris last Saturday. The case on motion for a change of venue lasted five days, and over 75 witnesses were examined. Jester now rests in jail at New London.

Mexico people figure prominently in the meeting of the Horse Breeders' and State Poultry Association, which held the same date, Dec. 6, at Sedalia. Hon. C. F. Clark in president of the former organization, and J. A. Pitts and J. B. Thompson each read papers before the meeting.

First Assistant Postmaster General Heath has submitted an interesting report upon free rural mail delivery, enthusiastically endorsing the idea. He says it encourages letter writing, and many routes pay expenses; it enhances farm lands and encourages better roads. Of the Lafayette County, Mo., routes he says: "At Lexington, Lafayette county, I made an extension of the route. I rode over the most of this route in changing it, and noticed the poor quality of the mail boxes. The postmaster was along with me, and I remarked to him the apparent indifference and lack of appreciation on the part of the patrons. I asked him particularly to urge the erection of proper boxes at once. I succeeded in lengthening the route without depriving any of the former patrons of the service. Having petitions from Higginsville, Lafayette county, I went there, and found the postmaster enthusiastic for the service, and a situation so favorable that later I recommended abolishing two fourth class postoffices and a star route, replacing them with a rural free delivery route without a 'kick.' I understand that this route is very well managed and quite successful."

THE ENGLISH ALLIANCE.

When it became an established fact that the United States and Spain would go to war, there was great anxiety on the part of our people as to the probable action of the European powers, some of whom were known to be in sympathy with Spain.

It was easy enough to make war on and conquer Spain; but should the powers champion her cause it might become a serious matter with us and prove extremely disastrous, and there were many indications that such a contingency might arise.

But when England stepped to the front with her "hand off" manifesto and by doing so proved our friend, matters took a new turn and the war was prosecuted with promptness, without interference from outside parties. Spain was humiliated and Cuba freed from her dominion.

The people of the United States felt very kindly towards England for her friendship and a large number "gushed" over with love for the "old lady" and were very ready to form an Anglo-American alliance as was greatly desired by England. Men were often heard making the statement that "England and the United States could conquer the balance of the world," and seemed very anxious to begin the job.

The head of our government appeared to favor the idea and at one time it seemed probable that the deal would be consummated; but the sober second thought of the people, fortified by past experiences called a halt and public sentiment, perhaps, saved our country from a calamity which would have proven irreparable.

It is the general impression in the minds of our people that England never does anything from sentimental motives and whenever she appears so friendly others may look for "hot chestnuts." Our people thought of this and became suspicious. With good cause, as they are now beginning to realize, and it may be to their sorrow.

Although they failed to bring about the desired alliance, British statesmen have succeeded in gaining their end in another way. We are under such obligations to England that we cannot refuse to do her bidding without being charged with base ingratitude. Her war with the Boers is the fire in which her chestnuts are roasting and we are expected to help her pull them out.

She has succeeded in converting our authorities to her doctrine, that it is the best service to go to shoot Christianity into men and take everything of value lying around loose and not defended by a stronger force than their own.

How often do we hear men excusing themselves for wrong-doing by saying that others do the same thing and how shallow the excuse sounds to honest men. A thief always begins in a small way and although his conscience stings him, he tries to comfort himself with the thought that others steal. His speculations grow larger and more frequent, his conscience less assertive and at length he grows too bold and reckless and the law gets him. At one time he might have left off and reformed; now it is too late.

So it is with nations. Babylon while content at home grew powerful and rich, but unbridled ambition brought the world against her and Babylon is no more. So with Egypt, so with Persia, Greece and Rome, so with France under Napoleon, and later Spain.

Our own country is feeling a little ashamed of our treatment of the Filipinos and if we will only heed the warning of the monitor conscience and get back to first principles, attend strictly to home affairs and do as we would be done by, we may yet be safe; otherwise we may be now well on the road to our own destruction. History goes on repeating itself.

That new railroad from the north will be built to Mexico some time, and many think it will not be long. The road is needed and that is why we all think it is surely coming.

The road law goes into effect the first of January. Read an abstract of the law in another column of the MESSAGE.

THE FUSION VICTORY.

Bryan Helps to Celebrate— Tells the Source of His Revenue.

LINCOLN, NEB., Nov. 10. —W. J. Bryan, tonight, in a public address stamped as false the charge made by the opposition press that he had been selling his speeches. He also took occasion to serve notice that he proposed to stay in politics as long as good health or life is with him.

The occasion was a public jollification by the Fusion forces over their recent victory at the polls, the opening feature being a street parade, followed by an open-air meeting on the State Capitol grounds. Gov. Poynter presided.

Ex-Governor Holcomb, elected this week as the Fusion candidate for the Supreme bench, was the first speaker. The big audience of several thousand people sang "The Star Spangled Banner," and then Mr. Bryan was introduced.

He said, in part:

"To the people of Nebraska I owe a debt of gratitude too large for me to hope to repay. I came among you a young man, so poor, say the Republican papers, that I could not earn a living, and I have prospered so much, quoting from the same authority, that it would be a sacrifice for me to accept the presidency. I want to say to any Republican, who feels satisfied with his party, that if it had deserved the confidence of the people it would never have suffered the reverses it has in the past two decades.

"This campaign has been one of unusual abuse by the Republicans and, in the result, you have seen of how little avail abuse is. Many persons wonder why I have never paid any attention to the torrent which have been heaped upon myself. It is because I have supreme confidence in the intelligence of the people and their ability to find out a lie, and I know that when they do find out that they have been told what is not true they will not feel kindly towards their deceiver. Much villainous abuse has been heaped upon me in this campaign. For one thing they have said I got pay for the speeches I made as tho I did not have enough interest in this campaign, to make any speeches.

"To you of my home town I can say this:

"I have visible means of support. I make considerable money by lectures and by my writings, and I have thus far been able to keep the wolf from my door. I hope to be able to continue so and to live on my allotted span of life among you, and no trust will pay my expenses.

"My friends I have a higher ambition than to hold office. I do not care whether I ever hold office, but I serve notice to my Republican friends that I propose to stay in politics until the lid closes down upon my coffin.

"The Republican party to-day stands for the right of aggregated wealth to dictate to the remainder of the nation, and the reform forces will not halt until they have secured an income tax, election of Senators by the people, the restoration of bimetalism, and until they have driven the banks out of the business of governing and given to the Government the sole right to issue money; until we have turned back the tide of militarism and driven the trusts out of existence; until we have stamped out these ideas of Government imported from Europe and set them again firmly on the foundation of its founders."

Living A Hundred Years.

Perhaps the first condition of becoming a centenarian is to choose for your ancestors a hardy and long-lived stock. But this start being secured, certain rules for longevity with George Blakeman, of Derby, Conn., who celebrated his 100th birthday on the 10th of October and is still hale and hearty, are worth considering.

Asked "How have you done it?" the veteran replied, "I've just lived natural-like, as God intended men should live." A natural life—that is the secret; but how few can live it! Philosophizing on this the centenarian said: "We can't eat our pie and have it, too. We can't make a bonfire of our

vitality in youth and expect it to burn just as brightly in old age, with no fuel lost. The slow fire lasts longest." How many such "bonfires" are burning to-day in young men who thus doom themselves to die before their prime!

Mr. Blakeman is radical in some matters. He has not taken "a drop of medicine of any sort," since he was 21 years old, though he has had two serious illnesses. He has never used liquor, tobacco, tea or coffee or any other stimulant—not altogether from principle but for "lack of a good excuse." He likes fun and sociability, and has not "let many chances for a good time pass by."

He believes in matrimony—thinks "men should marry and keep married." In practicing upon his precept he married at 22, and after fifty-eight years of harmoniously happy life with "the queen of her sex," married again at 80, after a year's widowhood a "good, sensible little woman of 30."

The secret of his financial success was the one of hard work and saving. Up to the time he was 92 he was at his office every morning at 6:30, and his belief is that "more men rust out than wear out."

Makes Steel Plovers.

Moline, Ill., is noted all over the civilized world for its farm implements. No other city of its size in the world manufactures so many. The first steel plows ever made were hammered out by old John Deere, who founded his little smithy in 1847 at Grand Detour and a couple of years later removed to Moline, whose wonderful water power was just beginning to be appreciated. In the then little village of Moline he began work with a dozen employees in a small wooden building by the river bank, on the site of the present shops. Today the shops are the largest and finest in the world, and the plows and other tools turned out are familiar to every civilized farmer. Moline has another large plow factory, second only in size to the first mentioned. In fact, over half the steel plows used in the world are said to be made in Moline.

Sugar Beets.

Washington Star: "There is an enormous crop of sugar beets in San Benito county, Cal., this year," said a gentleman who is largely interested in that product in California, to the writer recently. "The average yield is about twelve tons to an acre, which will net \$3.50 per ton. As an illustration of the big profits that there are in this crop I have only to refer to three brothers who arrived in San Benito county last spring from Sweden, and, as an experiment, rented a farm of 275 acres, paying for it \$7 an acre as the rent. They have raised not less than eighteen and probably twenty tons of beets to the acre. The work of cultivation has been done by the three brothers, with the assistance of one hired man, and it is estimated that they will make \$5,000 this year above expenses."

World's Oldest Tree.

That old cypress which stands in the square of the church in Santa Maria del Tule, near the city of Oajaca, in southwestern Mexico, is said to be the oldest tree in the world. Some botanists, including DeCandolle, say it is 6,000 years old, while others put it down to 2,000. Cortez, it was told, in his conquest of Mexico, in 1519, was camped with his whole force in the shadow of this tree, and according to native history spent a night full of care, on which account the tree received the name "Arbol de la noche triste." Five feet from the ground the trunk has a circumference of 102 feet, giving it a diameter of about 32 feet. The height is 120 feet. The branches begin at about 26 feet above the ground, spreading into a crown, the circumference of which is about 520 feet.

Growth of the Suicide Mann.

There were 5,920 suicides in this country last year. This is far beyond any reasonable proportion. The cause which contributes most to this crime is nervous exhaustion. People are rushing with break-neck speed after some ambition and become nervous, hysterical or physical wrecks. Most of them give up and lead a miserable old age instead of a joyous and fresh one. Others die in the harness, and these resort to suicide. The lesson is more recreation, less rush, modified ambitions, more patience, with slow results, a complete enjoyment of the small pleasures of life, a habit of sleep without care and of leisurely eating.—Milwaukee Journal.

Crocodiles Eat Stones.

Crocodiles, like ostriches, swallow pebbles and small stones, which serve the purpose of grinding their food. The natives assert that it is possible to tell the age of a crocodile by the number of stones in its stomach, for they swallow one each year. In point of fact, fifteen stones the average number for younger ones varies between four and eight. So says Mr. Volkow, who has been studying this matter for several years.

Soil as Cacao Sponges.

To clean sponges thoroughly dissolve a handful of coarse salt in a pint of water. Soak and knead the sponges in this mixture for some little time, then rinse under a water faucet and they will be as good as new.

Russia's Female Physicians.

After a long and patient struggle the women physicians of Russia have secured a decree placing them upon an equality both socially and politically with the male physicians in the empire.

Raising Melons by Bottle.

The green watermelon is usually able to hold its own against the small boy, but it seems that it is unable to compete with science. The scientific watermelon grower now fattens his melons for market with just as good results as the man gets who raises live stock. Your up-to-date melonist operates on the stem of the melon and introduces a cotton fuse into it. After the stem has been passed through a cork and into a bottle filled with water which has been sweetened with sugar. It is said that one melon will drink a pint of sweetened water a day, and that melons brought up on the bottle weigh in the neighborhood of seventy-five pounds and have a sweetness of disposition that cannot be tasted in any untrained melon.—Sterling (Mo.) Bulletin.

Sentenced to a Minute in Jail.

William Smith, who was released recently from the penitentiary, where he had served a two-year term for obtaining money under false pretenses, found a rather interesting reception awaiting him outside of the prison gates, where he was immediately arrested on a charge of larceny. This offense was committed before he had served his two-year term. On account of the poor health of the prisoner Judge Palmer exercised great lenity in sentencing him. The deputy sheriff marched him to the county jail, where he was sentenced to languish for a term of one minute.—Denver Times.

Risked His Life for His Work.

Verostehagin, whose terrible war pictures are almost repellant in their realism, has risked his life many times while painting them. He would go, sketch-book in hand, into the thickest of the fighting, and sketch the fallen men in the intervals of defending himself from the attacks of the enemy. On one occasion he had to suspend his painting for four hours, while the bullets rained around his canvas, and he bears as many scars as any hero—all the fruits of his love of realism.

A Boat 2,000 Years Old.

In the course of excavations at Bruges in connection with the west basin of the port, a boat dating before the Christian era has been discovered, says a Brussels correspondent of the London Daily Mail. The boat, which is of oak, is about 30 feet long and 7 feet broad, and its mast, which is broken in four pieces, was apparently about 24 feet high. It was unearthed at a depth of twenty feet and must have been stranded when the sea covered part of Bruges, a period anterior to the Christian era.

Paris' Prodigious Gambling Bill.

The figures showing the sums deposited in the pari-mutuel during 1898 show a total of 221,688,099 francs (\$28,866,720). Of this prodigious amount the department of the Seine has furnished nearly all, showing on the face of it that the provinces are almost free from this horrible passion for gambling. But this is not really so; provincials come to Paris to play. Paris has become the great gambling-house for the people of the department, to the shame of our country, the great evil center where the entire world comes to be amused.—Paris L'Autorite.

Needed a Life Preserver.

From the Portland Oregonian: A 16-year-old boy who is picking hops in the J. R. Broyles yard, near Fairfield, jokingly jumped into the bin of the cooling house Wednesday last. He managed to reach the side wall of the bin, and by the aid of cleats on the wall pulled himself out from among the hops. Even then his body and his head were under the hops, and he came very near suffocating. When hops are thrown loose into the cooling house bins they are worse to fall into than so much water.

Big Institutions.

The largest woodenware manufacturing works are in St. Louis. The largest steel works are in Pittsburgh. The largest drop hammer in the world is the property of the Bethlehem Iron company. The largest bottle manufacturing is in Pittsburgh. The largest spring works are in Pittsburgh. The largest beef and pork packing house is in Chicago. The largest starch business is in Oswego. The largest pumping engine in the world is in the Calumet and Hecla mine.—Philadelphia Item.

An Aged Wedding Party.

A short while since at Vienna, Karl Becker, at the age of 92, was married to Fraulein Rosa Stutzel, a mature spinster of 50. The bridesmaids were three friends of the bride, aged respectively 82, 86 and 93, while the principal supporter of the bridegroom was his brother, a veteran of 94.—Tid-Bits.

Parents of Sixteen.

A sixteenth child was born recently to Mrs. Walter Ellis of Anderson, Ind. The father is 86 years of age and the mother 45.—Evening Wisconsin.

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German Girl Graduates.

In Germany the number of girl graduates is increasing in a remarkable fashion. Three years ago the ten great schools had on their books 177 female students. At the end of 1897 the total had risen to 347, every university except Munster contributing to the roll of female graduates. At the beginning of this year the total gain had again increased to 400. Philology and physiology are the favorite subjects of the fair students.

Tree Growing Out of a Tree.

A curiosity exists near the Red Bluff Primitive Baptist church in Ware county, Georgia. It is a mammoth mulberry tree and the heart has long since rotted. Out of the heart of the mulberry grow a cherry and a peach tree, both of which are eight inches in diameter. They grow to a point ten feet above the ground. All three of the trees are alive and bear fruit every year.

Cleaning of Jerusalem.

The tourist in Jerusalem had one reason to be grateful for Emperor William's visit. It was preceded by the cleansing of the streets. It now seems that it is to be followed by equally desirable action. A special committee has been formed in Jerusalem in order to provide for the cleansing of the Jewish quarter, not only inside, but outside the city. The European authorities of Judaism are applauding the movement, and the Alliance Israelite of Paris has offered a considerable sum toward defraying the expense.—London Chronicle.

Another Art Salon in Paris.

The revolutionary spirit in Paris seems to be expending its force on new art organizations instead of on barricades. Yet another salon is soon to be formed, composed of twenty painters and sculptors, under the presidency of Gabriel Mouret, with the title "Societe nouvelle de peintres et de sculpteurs." The program outlined is moderate. "We wish to exhibit our pictures by the side of those of our friends whose tastes are kindred with our own," says Amand Jean. "This does not prevent us from being exhibited by the side of those with whose artistic work we are not in complete sympathy."

Unique Location.

LaCrosse, Wis., is proud of its location on the Mississippi river. It lies in a cup, surrounded by magnificent bluffs, and LaCrosse men, after traveling all over the world in search of beautiful scenery, have invariably come home disappointed at what they have seen. Just east of the city lies a range of hills, the highest of which is known as "Grand Daddy." From the top of this bluff three states and five different counties lie stretched out under the eye. The location of LaCrosse makes it perfectly secure from the attacks of cyclones or tornadoes. The bluffs which surround it act as fenders, and many severe storms, which did great damage elsewhere, have passed over the city. Five miles north of the city lies Rice lake, and here hundreds of the citizens of LaCrosse make their homes in the summer time.—Chicago Tribune.

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